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WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO DRUGS

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1. JUSTICE WILLIAMS WHOSE CHARTER, SCOPE AND PROGRAM FOR THE
GOA'S "NEW INITIATIVES TO COUNTER DRUG TRAFFICKING" IS
OUTLINED REFTEL (A) CALLED ON EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR ON
THE EVE OF LIAISON/COORDINATION TRIP TO AUSTRALIA OF THOMAS E.
MANSON OUTLINED REFTEL (B).

2. JUSTICE WILLIAMS PLANS AN EXTENSIVE TRIP TO NORTH AND
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SOUTH AMERICA COMMENCING ON JULY 4TH IN SANTIAGO, CHILE;
JULY 5TH IN BUENOS AIRES; JULY 7TH IN RIO; JULY 9TH IN LIMA;
JULY 12TH IN MEXICO CITY; JULY 16TH IN MIAMI; JULY 18TH IN
WASHINGTON; JULY 21ST IN NEW YORK; JULY 25TH IN MONTREAL;
JULY 27TH IN OTTAWA; AUGUST 1ST IN TORONTO; THEREAFTER IN
EDMONTON THROUGH AUGUST 13TH AS GOA REPRESENTATIVE AT
COMMONWEALTH GAMES; AUGUST 14TH IN SAN FRANCISCO; (POSSIBLY

VIA OREGON) AND THEN THROUGH HONOLULU TO SYDNEY.

3. JUSTICE WILLIAMS HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: A) ENFORCEMENT; B) REHABILITATION; C) EDUCATION; D) ABUSE OF LEGAL DRUGS (FALSE PRESCRIPTIONS BY MEDICAL DOCTORS AND THEIR INTER-FACE WITH PHARMACISTS); E) EXPERIENCE WITH DECRIMINALIZATION OF USE OF MARIJUANA; F) PROGRAMS FOR SNIFFER DOGS; AND G) MULTI-SPECTRAL OPERATIONS.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, JUSTICE WILLIAMS' PROGRAMS ELSEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA HAVE PRECLUDED HIS MEETING WITH MANSON. HOWEVER, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH THE GOA'S DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AS WELL AS THROUGH THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S LEGAL COUNSEL CEDRICK HAMPSON, FOR MANSON TO MEET WITH DAL MURDOCK OF THE GOA'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AT JUSTICE WILLIAMS' REQUEST.

5. JUSTICE WILLIAMS WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS ON PROGRAMS APPROPRIATE TO HIS BROAD RANGE OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN HIS CHARTER UNDER THE ROYAL COMMISSION. HE IS INTERESTED, FOR EXAMPLE IN SUCH MATTERS AS THE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION OF THE MULTIPLICITY OF JURISDICTIONS IN ENFORCEMENT (AS IN MIAMI, METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AND IN NEW YORK CITY); EXPERIENCE WITH TREATMENT AND HALF-WAY HOUSES (HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE

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ARE SOME PARTICULARLY USEFUL EXPERIMENTS AND EXPERIENCE IN OREGON); TRAINING PROGRAMS AND HOW THE OVERLAPPING JURISDICTIONS (IF SUCH IS THE CASE) WORK AT PORTS OF ENTRY SUCH AS MIAMI, NEW YORK AND HONOLULU. JUSTICE WILLIAMS WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY APPROPRIATE SUGGESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS ON PERSONS TO MEET OR SEE OR CONTACT IN LATIN AMERICA WHERE, OF COURSE, AS IN WASHINGTON, HE WILL BE WORKING THROUGH THE AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS. IN BUENOS AIRES HE HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH REFERENCES BY PROFESSOR REXHEAD AND HANS UMBLAD. IN LIMA HE IS SCHEDULED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER OF COCAINE.

6. JUSTICE WILLIAMS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SMALL OFFICIAL PARTY SECONDED TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION (PROBABLY NO MORE THAN TWO) AND HAS ALREADY FIXED HIS FLIGHT SCHEDULES. HIS TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS FOR THE ENTIRE TRIP HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY THE GOA.
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